(d) whether Government propose to take any action to prevent this type of accident; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 21.10.2004, at 0530 hrs., a security staff of Air Sahara, who was reportedly sitting in the vehicular lane in front of parking stand Nos. 29 of the domestic apron, was overrun by one Jet Airways passenger coach.

(c) The driver of Jet Airways Coach was arrested and an FIR lodged.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) After analysing the cause of the accident, AAI has decided that various agencies working on the airside will take the following measures to prevent similar incidents in future:—

(i) Wearing of reflective jackets for all ground personnel working in the operational area is being made mandatory from 15.01.2005.

(ii) Safety lines have been drawn on the apron, around the parking stands, restricting vehicular movement in the immediate vicinity of the aircraft stand.

(iii) Training in 'Apron Safety Rules and Regulations' to all personnel working in the airside of IGI Airport is being made mandatory from January 2005.

(iv) Vehicular lanes are being re-aligned for a smoother vehicular traffic flow in the operational area.

(v) Monitoring of apron discipline and ramp safety has been enhanced to improve the safety standards at IGI Airport.

Infrastructure facilities at airports

1159. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to improve the infrastructure facilities at Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore airports;

(b) if so, the details of the plan;

(c) whether Government are also considering seriously for upgradation of hangers and maintenance of aircrafts to that of international standards by signing JV agreements with other international firms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various projects undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI) to improve the infrastructure facilities at Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai and Bangalore airports are as under:

Ahmedabad — Construction of a new International terminal building, new Domestic Arrival as well as Departure Blocks to serve 600 passengers at a time.

Mumbai — Expansion of terminal building and security hold area and augmentation of car parking facilities and the traffic flow at Terminal-1B.

Delhi — Augmentation of car parking facilities and streamlining of the vehicular flow at Terminal - 1B & Terminal - II and construction of Terminal - 1B in phases.

Kolkata - Construction of a departure block for international terminal complex to cater to 500 passengers during peak hour.

Chennai — Face uplifting of the terminal building on both the air and the city side and provision of additional aerobridge on the domestic terminal building to cater for the increased traffic demands.

Bangalore — Air-conditioning of domestic terminal building and augmentation of car parking facilities.

Government has also taken up restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai airports through joint venture route to upgrade them at par with international standards. In principle approval has also been accorded for modernization of Chennai airport through joint venture route.

(c) and (d) Information in this regard is being collected.